

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. J. T. Bowman, Private Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1913.

To the House of Representatives:

House bill No. 580 is herewith returned without approval.

This act provides for the establishment and maintenance of an additional agricultural experiment station in the Thirteenth Congressional District and calls for the appropriation of \$4,000.00 per annum for its maintenance. The State now has ten experimental stations located in different sections of the State, and a number of these stations are experimenting with fruits, vegetables, grains and other farm crops and studying soil problems, as provided shall be done by House bill No. 580.

The ten agricultural experiment stations now established are costing the State \$55,000 per annum. It is believed that the number is sufficient. To multiply them will increase expenses without corresponding benefits.

It is a matter of regret to me that, in the discharge of duty, I cannot approve of all such local measures that are presented to me by the Legislature. I would like to do so to please my friends in localities who may be desirous of securing State institutions of this character. The expenses of our State government are growing by leaps and bounds. As already pointed out, the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, in its general appropriation bill, provided for an expenditure of over \$4,600,000 for the present fiscal year. The revenues to meet this expense must come, in a large measure, from the ad valorem tax levied and collected on property for last year. Since the Legislature convened the expenses have increased to such an extent as that at present the cash reserve in the State treasury is exhausted, and I feel compelled to veto all measures creating new institutions that are not absolutely necessary.

For these reasons, therefore, the bill is returned without approval. I regret very much, indeed, that this course upon my part seems to be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

O. B. COLQUITT,

Governor of Texas.